Forecast for Wednesday: Virginia-Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

west winds.

North and South Carolina-Fair Wed-nesday, warmer, except near the coast. Thursday fair; light to fresh southerly

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RICHMOND, VA. WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 1899.

WILLIAM H. MANN WILL BE CLERK

The Petersburger Easily Wins in the Contest.

ONLY ONE BALLOT.

Changes of Votes Gave the Colonel More Than He Needed.

INVESTIGATE THE INDEPENDENTS

Their Cases Referred to Special Conmittees Which Will Report Later, Mr. Sam Donald Defeats Dr. Nuon for Doorkeeper of the Senate-Proceedings of the Two Caucuses.

SENATE. President Pro Tem,-Henry T. Wick

Clerk Joseph Putton, Sergeant-at-Arms-Frank B. Wat Fourkeeper Samuel Donald.

Speaker - E. W. Samelers.

Clerk - William Henry Mann.

Sleggant at Arms - J. M. Johnston.

Doorkeeper - Arthur O. Sullivan.

Second Doorkeeper - P. E. Lapscomb. HOUSE.



meial.
THE INDEPENDENTS.

The bitter fight expected over the scating of Independents did not materialize, senator Shands, of Southampton, appeared in the seat. His case was quickly disposed of Those who earlier in the day wanted to turn him down without consideration of his case, weakened. His case was referred to a committee of five to be named inter. This committee is required to roport within thirty days. W. W. Mangh, of Prince George and Surry, Dr. 1: S. Powell, of Branswick, and Joseph Stakkey, of Shemmiloub, acplied for admirator to the House cancus. Their cases acre referred to a special committee.

A large number of Democrats from vari, top parts of the State were at the capital. The retunds was crowded. Interest centered in the fight over the House clerkship and the course to be pursued regarding the Independents.

Senator Henry T. Wickham called the conference of senators to order, and Senator Eggleston moninated Senator Morri-tor chairman, the was unanimously

Senator Flood nominated Senator Barke-dale for secretary, and all the members of the body voted for the gentlemen from

Hallfax.
The roll was then called and the follow-The roll was then called and the following members be posted to their names. Senators that keather thakey, Bruce-claytor, Coshill, Donohoe, Eggleston, Perrax, Flood, Poster, Glass, Gold, Hartiey, Harvey, James Jeffries, Keezell LeCato, Lapton, Lyle, Mann, Massie Maynard, McCorkle, Morris, Munford, Opie, Sanus, Steele, Tyler, Waker, Wallace, Watkins, Whitehead, and Wickham.

MR. SHANDS

Secretary Barkadale did not call the name of Semator William Shands, of Southampton. As soon as the roll had been verified, Mr. Shands, who occupied then verified. Mr. Shands, who occupied the desk at which Senator Parr (Rep.) sat during the last session, rose and was recognized. He stated that he was the Senator from the Thirty-second district, and was elected as a Democrat. He spoke briefly of his Democracy and read letters telling of his devotion to his nearly.

party.
Senator Munford was recognized after Mr. Shands had taken his seat. He said that in what he would have to say out justice to both factions in the party

e effered the following resolution: Resolved. That the application of the ion. William Shands for admission to



THE HOUSE CAUCUS.

Only Contest of Interest That for the Clerkship-Matter of Independents

crises. The old officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Speaker, who will be Hon. E. W. Saunders, of Frank-

THE COUNT IS FINISHED

And Unless the Board "Goes Behind the Returns" Taylor Will be Next Governor of Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, KY., Dec. 5-The State

The first great fight will come up on the question of whether or not the Board has the right to go behind the certified returns, filed with the Secretary of State by the different counties. Upon the issue of the argument on this point will rest the name of the nixt Governor of Kentucky. On the face of the returns now on file with the Secretary of State, Mr. Taylor has a plurality of 2.3%, his total vote being 193,74, against 194,331 for Goebel. If there is to be "going behind" the returns, the Board will have no option but to issue the certificate of election to Mr. Taylor. If the Board decides that it has the power to go behind the returns, there is no telling who will receive the certificate of election to Critical Country of the certificate of the certificate

The morning proceedings were enliven-by Governor Bradley, who made an ad-tess to the Board regarding the state-Cankfort. Before the meeting began the Election Commissioners sent a letter to Governor Bradley, inquiring as to the truth of the report. Governor Bradley wrote a reply, which he carried personally into the Board-room and handed, it to Judge Pryor, chairman of the Board. It denounced as a "malicious lie" any statement that any troops had been brought to the city with his consent or approval. He admitted that several officers were in hand, but said they were here individually and not in uniform. He declared it to be his intention to see that no officer was intimidated in the discharge of his

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After leaving the Commissioners' room overnor Bradley stopped in front of a outer office of the Secretary of State

THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

Peace With All Nations.

Than Ever Before,

Is of the Highest Hohor and Must Be Kept-The Future Government of the Philippines Rests With Congress and the President Makes No Specific Recommendations.

The Secretary of the Treasury esti-nates that the receipts for the current scal year will aggregate \$619,53,112, and pon the busis of present appropriations

The present gratifying strength of the treasury is shown by the fact that on becomber 1. 1800, the available cash balance was \$15,001,85,72, of which \$75,74,05,56 was in gold coin and builton. The omittans of confluence which prevail aroughout the country have brought gold its more general use and customs recipts are now almost entirely paid in that oth. n. The strong position of the Treasury

The strong position of the Treasury with respect to cash on hand and the favorable showing made by the revenues have made it possible for the Secretary of the Treasury to take action under the provisions of Section 2894. Revised Statutos, relating to the sinking fund. Receipts exceeded expenditures for the arst live months of the current fiscal year by \$12.4028891, and, as mentioned above the Secretary of the Treasury estimates that there will be a surplus of approximately \$10.006.000 at the end of the year. Under such conditions it was deemed advisable and proper to resume compliance with the provisions of the sinking fund law, which for eight sears has not been done because of deficiencies in the revenues. The Treasury Department, therefore, offered to purchase during November.

mes. The Treasury Department, therefore, offered to purchase during November \$20,000,000 of the 5 per cent, loan of 1994, or the 4 per cent, funded loan of 1907, at the current market price. The amount offered and purchased during November was \$18,005,00. The premium paid by the Government on such purchases was \$2,28,501, and the net saving in interest was about \$2,885,000. The success of this operation was sufficient to induce the government to continue the offer to purchase bonds to and including the 23d day of December, instant, unless the remainder of the \$2,000,000 called for should be presented in the meantime for dedemption. Increased activity in industry, with its welcome attendant—a larger employment for labor at higher wages—gives to the

or labor at higher wages—gives to the ody of the people a larger power to ab-ord the circulating medium. It is further rue that year by year, with larger areas f land under cultivation, the increasing olume of agricultural products, cutton orn and wheat, calls for a larger volume

The President refers to the national banking act and urges that national banks be authorized to organize with a capital of \$25,000. He says that in its earlier his. needful additions to the circulation could from time to time be made. Changing conditions have apparently rendered it now inoperative to that end. The high margin in bond securities required, resulting from large premiums which gov-ernment*bonds commanded in market, or he tax on note issues, or both, operating tention of Congress is invited to this im-portant matter with the view of ascertain-ing whether or not such reasonable modibanking act as will render its service in

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DR. HOLMAN WILL RESOLUTIONS MAKE CHARGES

Prosperity at Home and Wants State Farm Man- Referring Roberts' Case to agement Looked Into.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE LETTERS WRITTEN SUBSTITUTE OFFERED

Combined Imports and Exports Larger | Communication to the Speaker of the | The Utah Representative Spoke in House of Delegates

PROMISE IN REGARD TO CUBA. AND CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CAUCUS

Dr. Holman Asks That a Committee be Appointed to Investigate the statter and Promises to Apoar With His Witnesses. Some of His Atlegations.

ery shortly to elect State officers, will

tendent of the penitentlary, for which Mojor George M. Helms, the incumbent,

DR. HOLMAN'S LETTERS.

Dr. W. L. Holman, a citizen of Gooch and county, whose place adjoins the late farms, has prepared communications to be presented to the Speaker of the House of Delegates and chairman of the joint caucus, in which he makes larges against Major Helms.

THE SPECIFICATIONS.

SOUTHERN IN SAVANNAH.

Its First Train Will Run Into That City Friday.

"INSULAR AFFAIRS."

Resolution Introduced for Creation of of a Commission of Seventeen, WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-Representative

Tawney, of Minnesota, to-only introduced in the House a resolution for the creation of a commission of 17 members to be known as the "Commission on Insular Affairs," to have jurnediction over "affairs concerning insular territory acquired or occupied under treaty with Spain on December 10, 1998, including the Island of Tutulia, Samoa."

Dr. Tallaferro Indicted,

SAVANNAH, GA., Die, 5.—Dr. V. H. Tailaferro was indicted by the grand jury of the Superior Court last night on a charge of assault with latent to murder Dr. T. P. Waring by shooting at him with a pistol at the Savannah Hospital.

Dewey Rents a Church Pew.

been chosen a trustee of the Episcopa Cathedral, on the Tennally Town Road,

ATTACKED THE **GARRISON**

Eight Hundred Insurgents Attacked Two Hundred Americans at Vigan, But Were Driven Off.

MANILA, Dec. 5.-11 P. M.-Last night a force of insurgents, estimated at 800, attacked the American garrison of 200 at Vigan, province of South Roces. The American loss was 8 killed and many After very hard fighting the Pilipinos

were driven off and through the mountain, leaving 35 dead. Colonel Bishe is now reinforcing the garrison. Fears are entertained regarding various small bodies of General Young's troops in

small bodies of General Young's troops in the province of Abra.

MANILA, Dec. 5.—1:20 P. M.—General Hughes now occupies Santa Barbara and Cabstuan, Island of Panay, his lines extending 35 miles north of Hollo. He has occupied twenty towns. The inhabitants are returning with white flags, their fear of the Americans diminishing as they learn that they will be well treated. It is impossible to get the insurgents to

It is impossible to get the insurgents to fight. They are retreating to the moun-tains and no more organized resistance is expected. The artillery wagon mules are being used for packing. Water buffales are also being used for this purpose.

General Hughes continues advancing north and spreading his lines.

WERE ADOPTED

Special Committee.

His Own Defence.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED.

Members Crowded from Their Seats and Occupants of Galleries Leaned Far Over to Listen, Eager to Let No Word Escape-The Vote Overwhelming, Being 302 to 30,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-After an inresolution offered by Mr. Taylor of Ohio. yesterday for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormor representative-elect from Utah, By the

The reading of the President's Message was completely overshadowed by the dramatic proceedings which resulted in action of the House to-day. Th

Resolved further, that when sword at the first search at the first it the earliest possible moment."
Mr. Taylor contended that Mr. Roberts

conviction of violations of the Edmunds law in 1800 rendered him ineligible under that act. Second, that if, since guilty of polygamy, he was ineligible under that act. Third, that if a polygamist within the meaning of a decision of the Supreme Court, he is included. Court, he is incligible independent of that statute. Fourth, that the compact between Utah and the United States justifies the House in refusing him admission

BETTER TO EXCLUDE HIM. Mr. Tayler urged that it would be bet-ter for the House to exclude Mr. Roberts than to expel him. All the authorities, he said, were against the right of the House to expel a member for acts done prior to his election, no matter how vite hey might be, When Mr. Tayler began to speak Mr.

When Mr. I again logan to speak Mr. Roberts left the seat he had been occupying, and took a seat near the main aisle where he could hear with greater ease. Throughout Mr. Tayler's remarks he sat facing his accuser, when he turned to his deak to take notes of the points to which he desired to ready

he desired to reply.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, followed Mr. Tayler. He did not intend, he said, to discuss the merits of the case The question in issue was as to whether the representative-elect, Roberts, had a prima face right to his seat. He was not willing to reject a representative-elect who appeared at the har of the House with his credentials in due form. If he was denied admission a precedent would be created which would rise to plague the House in years to come. He was willing to say that if the charges against the member-elect were proven he should favor his expulsion. "If there is one thing the American

people are a unit upon," said he, "It is that the American home shall be preserved in all its loveliness, sweetness and purity." (Applause.)

IN HIS OWN DEFENCE. Mr. Roberts himself took the floor in his own defence after Mr. Richardson had concluded. He occupied a conspicuous place immediately in front of the cierk's desk. Several legal volumes were piled up in front of him, and a bouquet of car-nations lay upon his desk. The most in-tense interest was manifested as he rose. Members crowded about, but were com-pelled to retire to their seats. The gal-leries were crowded, the occupants leaned over to listen, eager to let no word es-cape. Mr. Roberts first sent to the clerk's desk and had read his naturalization papers. He than began to speak. His voice was soft and low, but his enunciation was distinct, and in the stillness could be heard to the furthest corner of the hall.

Mr. Roberts proceeded to answer the charges against him. He said two Presidents had proclaimed amnesty since his conviction for a m'sdemeanor. He denied that he had been a law-breaker since 1889, and asked why he had not been presecut-ed, if a lawbreaker. He referred to the agitation as a "conspiracy" force this subject to the front at this

Mr. Roberts dramatically invoked protection for the representative of a soverfavor, he exclaimed, but he demanded his

ights. This was given with such empha-is and feeling that vigorous and long-onthroed applause greeted the speaker. When Mr. Roberts' time expired Mr. Newlands (Nevada) asked that the time xtended, but Mg Taylor (Ohio) ob

Mr. Richardson then yielded Roberts the ance of the Democratic time, ten min-s. Mr. Roberts asserted that Presi-tial appointments had been made with-consideration of charges of polyg-

GRANTED MORE TIME.

Mr. Tayler drew appliance by granting Roberts more time.

Roberts read a letter from a Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah, stating that the present administration had appointed its modification.

onabilition.

Mr. Robertz closed with a dramatic tatement that Utah had not broken aith, that polygamy was no longer an exue and that he had the honor in the

eserting that the President had ignored



In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—To-day's session of the Senate lasted two hours and forty minutes, practically the entire time being consumed in the reading of the President's message.

The reading of the document was largely perfunctory, few of the Senators (Continued on Eighth Page.)

THE CENSORSHIP IS VERY STRICT

The Boer Fire Was Hottest Ever Exnerienced and Was Effective Up to 1,600 Yards.

LONDON, Dec. 5.-4:30 P. M.-The cenorship continues to be of the strictest character, virtually no news being allowed to pass except diaries of events within the beleagured garrisons and positions. According to the latest accounts of the Battle of Modder River the Boer fire was the hottest on record and will revolutionize existing theories. It was effective up to 1,000 yards, but the casualties among the prone troops was trifling. It was found impossible to bring the British ammunition reserves to the living line. Many liners wearing red cross badges were actually employed in serving out ammunition.

nition.

In connection with the many accusations against the Boer indifference to the laws of war, a letter published in Cape Town asserts that before the Transvall ultimatum was sent the Boer leaders discussed the policy of using the white flag, when driven into a corner, in order to decrive the British commanders and this policy was generally approved. policy was generally approved.

It is reported that the mobilization of a seventh division will be ordered at AI-

derahot as a preparation for emergencies. MAPPERING STILL, SAFEL
LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Daily Mail has a
form Mafeking dated Tuesday,
November 28th, which says: "All well."
LONDON, Dec. 6.—A Modder River
special dated Thursday, November 20th,

"The Boers occupy a stronge ridge about six miles north of this point. To day the Lancers came into contact with them."

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The War Office to day received the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker, under date of December 115.

December 5th: General Methuen reported that at Mod-General Methuen reported that at Med-der River he found twenty-three bodies and that twenty-seven bodies have since floated to the surface of the river. The people say that some bodies were buried and that others were taken on mules to Jacobsdal, where the Enslin wounded were also taken. Commandant Albrecht's wagon perfectly fitted up as a pharmacy and surgery, was captured. The enemy's

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. Patteson Would Bar Illiterate Voters.

THE MISSISSIPPI LAW

Constitutional Amendment Could do No Harm.

PEOPLE TO ELECT U. S. SENATORS

He is Utterly Opposed to the Present System and Would Also Elect Railroad Commissioners by the Direct Vote of the Peoplc-Reforms in Court Procedure.

Hon, S. S. P. Patteron, member of the House of Delegates from this city, will make an effort to have a measure of great importance become a law at this session of the body of which he is a mem-The bill that Mr. Patteson will introduce is intended to amend the Constitution in

reference to the qualification of voters. He has, also, several other important "I shall introduce a bill providing for an amendment of the constitution with regard to the qualification of voters along

the lines of the Mississippi constitution," said Mr. Patteson to a Times reporter last



tional convention it will have to be sub-mitted to the vote of the people before it will become a part of our organic law.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS. "I shall also introduce a bill providing for the election of a railroad commissioner by direct vote of the people. I think it very important that that officer should be elected by the people and not by the

Legislature.
"I shall also introduce a bill," continued
Mr. Patteson, "providing for the election
of United States Senators in a State
primary by direct vote of the people.
I am utterly opposed to the present systam of submerging all other issues to the election of a United State Senator, and to the use of the party machinery by any candidate or candidates, inside the party. candidate or candidates, inside the party. I believe in party government and recognize the necessity for it, but I am absolutely opposed to the use of the machinery of the party against anyone except the opposite party. I believe in the utmost freedom of choice and believe that the people's wishes should be respected over the property committee.

any party committee.
"I shall introduce certain other bills,"
said Mr. Patteson, "which have been
approved by the State flar Association,
looking to reform in the procedure in the
courts, so as to expedite the transaction
of business. The change in our electoral methods is

of the utmost importance. The Chicago Sails. WASHINGTON, Dec. &-The Chicago left St. Lucia yesterday bound for Bahla.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS. State,

- Legislative caucus.
- Important measure to be offered.
- Fugitive from justice shot at.
- Electric franchise matters.
- Preachers to be called.
- Meeting of United Daughters.
- Work on R., P. and C. raliroad.
- Long line of raliroads.
- Manchester annexation.
- Charges to be preferred against present management State Farm.
- Death of Mr. Antonio Samanni.

State.

r-A negro in Campbell county shoots a bey to death without provocation.

-Negroes sent to jail for refusing from religious scruples to testify in court.

-Byrd Wade acquitted in Montgomery county of shooting at officers.

-New transportation company chartered at Newport News.

-Christian Missionary Association of Virginia and North Carolina in session at Holland. Va.

-Two bad men arrested at Martinsville.

Genoral.

General.

-The President's message read to Congress.

Tayler resolution against Roberts adopted by overwhelming vote.

Count inished in Kentucky.

Foreign. Foreign.

-Censorship of Transvaal news very Boer fire at Modder River hottest on record.

-Eight hundred insurgents attack American garrison at Vigan and are repulsed.

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